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SUBJ: REPORTS OF PROPOSED US ECONOMIC INVITATIVES IN SOUTH
PACIFIC

REF: A. STATE 196565, B. CANBERRA 5700, C. CANBERRA 5656

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM CANBERRA 5656, ANZUS COUNCIL
COMMUNIQUE REFERENCE TO SOUTH PACIFIC REFERRED ONLY TO
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND INTENTION TO GIVE GREATER PRI-
ORITY TO SOUTH PACIFIC IN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND
MADE NO REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES.

2. IN DFA PRESS BRIEFING RESPECTING OUTCOME OF COUNCIL
MEETING, DFA SPOKESMAN INDICATED SOUTH PACIFIC WOULD REC-
EIVE INCREASED EMPHASIS, NOT AS ANZUS PROJECT, BUT IN LARGE
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PART THROUGH INDIVIDUAL BILATERAL EMPHASIS. DFA SPECIFIED

THAT INCREASED EMPHASIS WOULD BE BY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. SPOKESMAN ALLUDED IN PASSING TO GROWING U.S. ATTENTION TO MICRONESIA.

3. TEXT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY'S SPEECH AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB DID NOT TOUCH ON PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM CNABERRA 5700, PACIFIC ISLAND NATIONS WERE MENTIONED IN CONNECTION WITH TWO DIFFERENT QUESTIONS ASKED DURING QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WHICH FOLLOWED SPEECH. FIRST REFERENCE WAS IN REPLY TO INITIAL QUESTION BY JENSEN, WHILE SECOND REFERENCE WAS IN REPLY TO FINAL QUESTION SPECIFICALLY ON TOPIC OF AID TO SOUTH PACIFIC.

4. AT ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT BY THREE COUNTRIES THAT MODEST AID PROGRAM FOR SOUTH PACIFIC ISLAND WOULD BE CHEAP INSURANCE AGAINST SOVIET INTRUSIONS. UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE POINTED OUT WE COULD NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT FOR AID SINCE IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO CLEARANCE FROM WASHINGTON BOTH AT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE LEVELS. THIS IS REASON COMMUNIQUE REFERRED ONLY TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND INTENTIONS. HOWEVER, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED A DESIRE TO WORK WITH THE OTHER TWO COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE ULTIMATELY IN SUCH A PROGRAM. THE AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE SUGGESTED A MEETING IN WASHINGTON ABOUT ONE MONTH HENCE AMONG THE NEW ZEALAND AN AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADORS TO UNITED STATES AND AN UNPROPRIATE PERSON IN DEPARTMENT. TOM MAJDA, EA/ANP DESK OFFICER, WAS NOT TAKEN AT ANYLS MEETINGS AND WILL HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION IF HE HAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON. HARGROVE UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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